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Title: **Consumable Guide Tube**

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUING EXAMINATION,  
AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Request for Continuing Examination, Amendment and Response is filed in response to the rejection dated June 15, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application. Applicant herewith submits fees under 1.17(e) and 1.136(a), as well as a petition for a three-month extension. Allowance of pending claims 1-20 in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begins on Page 2.

**Remarks** begin on Page 7.